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Title: SIGIRR DNA AND POLYPEPTIDES
being a **Continuation** of PCT International Application No. PCT/US98/27368,
filed December 23, 1998.

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/US98/27368, filed December 23, 1998, which claimed the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/068,770, filed December 23, 1997.

1. A check for \$1,586.00 representing the filing fee.
2. Preliminary Amendment.
3. Application - 70 pages, including 4 independent claims and 51 claims total and 4 pages of Sequence Listing.
4. (1) Diskette, Sequence Listing Statement and Sequence Listing (4 pages).

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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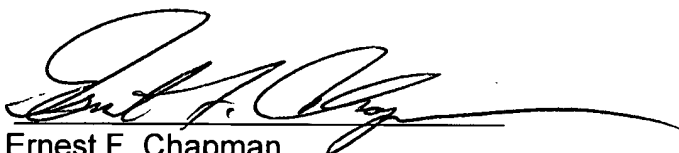
Applicant claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/068,770, filed December 23, 1997.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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